

IS NEBRASKA PROGRESSING?

Such is the Question Now Asked by a Political Investigator. EXPENSES HAVE DOUBLED UP Where it Cost \$2.50 Per Capita to Run State's Business Twenty Years Ago, it Now Takes \$6.40 Per Person.

By F. A. BARROWS. Twenty years ago Nebraska had not formed the commission habit. When the legislature of that year met it was found that \$2,500,000 would run the state for the next biennium. This was on an average of \$2.50 for every man, woman and child in the state.

The Nebraska legislature last winter created an even dozen new commissions, boards and departments. The members of most of these serve without pay excepting as to their actual expenses. It has been the history of the commission business, however, that in most cases it is found convenient to continue the commission and a salary is added to encourage the members. After the start has been made it is comparatively easy to continue the commission from year to year, and as its importance increases the salary correspondingly increases.

However, as the state grows it seems necessary to make changes in order to bring about systems to meet the new conditions and in the dozen or more commissions formed by the last legislature none will hardly deny that the tax commission was a much needed addition to Nebraska's many departments, and that good results should come to the state from the work of that commission.

For What Good? But, does the wholesale creation of commissions pay, and do they give value for what the people pay them? Nebraska is not the only state that seems to have been struck with the commission epidemic. Older states than this are suffering from the disease and in order to show to what extent one state has gone into the commission business we will refer to the records as published by the state of Massachusetts.

A year ago the writer visited the state house in Massachusetts and was impressed with the large number of departments which seemed to be thriving in that great building. About ten years ago that state discovered it was creating commissions so lively that there was not room in the state house to house them all, and in that regard the story sounds like Nebraska. In order to make room a double basement was excavated and fitted up into offices. In these basements, can be found all sorts of departments, boards, commissions, etc., some of the larger departments having subdepartments under a head clerk or superintendent. Each of the heads receives a good salary. The last legislature created eight new commissions, viz: armory commission, industrial accident board, board of directors of port of Boston, board of registration of nurses, board of training schools, ombudsman board, supervision of loan agencies, state board of retirement. At least the records show that salaries were paid to these departments not heretofore shown.

The writer asked what Massachusetts did with so many commissions and was told that "Massachusetts was commission ridden." He said every session of the legislature created new boards or commissions and that the burden upon the taxpayer was becoming awful.

Fifty-Six Active Commissions.

Table listing 56 active commissions in Massachusetts with columns for Name, No. Em., Salary, and Cost. Includes Armory commission, Public Library, Statistics bureau, Bank commission, Insurance com., Life Insurance and Savings Bank, Industrial Accident, Agricultural board, Dairy bureau, Nursery, Bee Inspection, State Orthopedic, Animal Industry, Forestry commission, Charity board, Fish and Game, Conciliation, Arbitration, Board of Education, Can. Electric, Harbor and Land, Board of Health, Insanity commission, (our departments), Prison commission, Dentistry board, Medicine board, Veterinary board, Pharmacy Board, Sewerage and Water, Pallet commission, Civil Service commission, Blind commission, Highway com., Park commission, Railway commission, District Police com., Jail board, Province Law com., Public Records com., Vignette and Seal.

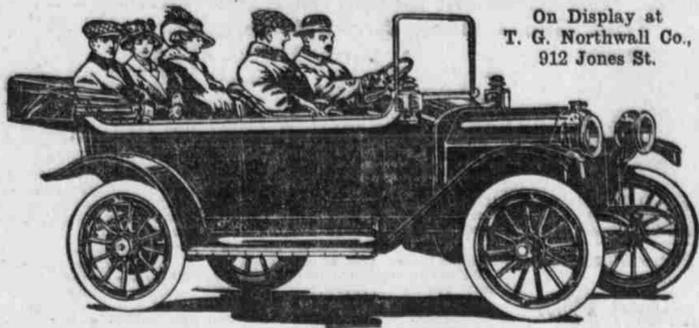
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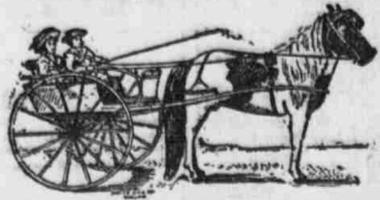


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Hardware: Boyd & Baggett.

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Theater: North Theater.

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These Hire the Others.

The civil service commission is composed of three commissioners, the chairman drawing \$2,500 a year, and the other two, \$2,000 each. They have a secretary who draws \$1,000, a chief examiner at \$1,500, deputy examiner at \$1,000, registrar of labor at \$1,000, physical inspector at \$1,000, inspector at \$1,000, first clerk at \$1,000, payroll inspector at \$1,000, and sixteen clerks at salaries ranging from \$1,000 a year down.

State Officers' Pay.

In addition to the foregoing it might be interesting to add in conclusion that the governor of Massachusetts receives \$5,000 a year and the lieutenant governor \$2,000. The executive department has a private secretary at \$2,500 a year and last year he drew \$1,000 extra. There is a stenographer who gets \$1,000 and a clerk \$1,200. A messenger draws \$100 a month and has an assistant who gets \$2 a

month and an assistant stenographer who gets \$60.

There are also eight councilors to the governor who are called in occasionally and they draw \$1,000 a year each. In all there are forty-three people connected with the executive office, who draw for their services \$45,000. The secretary of state draws \$5,000 a year and has two deputies who draw \$3,000 each. There are five departments connected with his office, and in all there are seventy-seven people who divide up yearly \$2,287 in salaries.

official event of that kind.

Mrs. Chandler relates that in 1862 she was living in Augusta, Va., and eloped with Mr. Chandler, going to Washington to be married. On arriving in the capital the young couple became bewildered and called at the White House. President Lincoln sent for a Baptist minister, who married them, and the proof is on file in the pension department, according to Mrs. Chandler. Since the day was very stormy and well advanced, President Lincoln invited the couple to stay over night, which they did, going to Harpers Ferry the next day after breakfast.

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